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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD OF MODIFYING THE RELEASE PROFILE OF SUSTAINED RELEASE COMPOSITIONS Examiner: E. J. Webman

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 16, 2007 (Paper No. 20070104), Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 1-20 (Group I) for continued examination.

In response to the election of species requirements, Applicants provisionally elect the following: 1) corticosteroid triamcinolone acetonide; 2) polymer poly(lactide-co-glycolide)s; and 3) peptide exendin-4. The listing of claims that reads on each species is also contained in the Remarks section of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.